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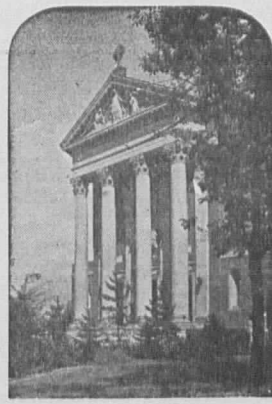
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Indies Discussed By Gene Connell

Importance of Dutch Possessions Featured At Monday Meeting

The Netherlands East Indies was the topic of Eugene Connell (III) at the weekly meeting of the Resident Students' History Academy. The lecturer first pointed out the geographical set-up of the South Pacific isles. The Indies are made up of Sumatra, Borneo, Java, Celebes, New Guinea, and they lie south of the Philippines. The population of the islands is about seventy million, according to Mr. Connell, and the land is rich and fertile due to the numerous volcanoes that are situated in that region. The Indies are abundant in natural resources, especially in rubber and oil.

Dutch System Unique

The government of the Indies is modeled after our own and it has been said to have the best colonial set-up in the world. At the head it has a governor-general who is responsible to Holland, and he is followed by numerous potentates who, in turn, are followed by district leaders who are subject to the rulings of the popular potentates.

Only about two million of the people go to school, and even these go only as far as the third grade. Mr. Connell says that only about 300,000 of the people are Christian and the remaining are of Mohammedan sects.

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Cmdr. Krumbhaar Cautions Unit

Medico Warns Trainees Of Dangers During Coming Months

With the advent of spring weather and the increasing susceptibility of trainees to the common cold and all its resultant dangers, Dr. G. D. Krumbhaar, Lt.-Comm. (MC)USNR, has directed the following precautions to the attention of the trainees:

"February, March and April are the big months for diseases that enter the body by way of the mouth, nose and throat. Among these diseases are not only common colds and 'flu,' but also scarlet fever, tonsillitis, mumps, rheumatic fever, meningitis, and others less common.

"Coughing, sneezing, and spitting spread these, but they travel in other ways as well. If you have a cold and, after coughing into your hand, handle several spoons in the mess hall before selecting one that suits you, others may get your cold—or any of the diseases that you may be carrying. Using someone else's drinking glass in the washroom also spreads these diseases."

"Remember, you may be a healthy carrier and carry and spread disease germs without you yourself being sick."

BELLOC STORY PURPLE HI-SPOT

Edition of Novelties Promised by Editors

In the coming issue of "The Purple" students will find a variety of articles and short stories to suit their tastes and fancies.

For the leading article, Belloc's descriptive talents in essay and history are thoroughly discussed by John Kinkle. His treatment of Belloc's powers is a tribute to an outstanding Catholic author.

George McCormack offers an interesting, fast-paced story entitled, "The Guy Who Shot at the Mayor." John Dermody narrates in verse a striking "Story of Time," and Bob O'Connell, in a tense story, "Again Farewell," describes the human side of the war.

John Granfield attempts to refute an established custom in his light essay, "By the Hair of My Chinny Chin Chin." "The Vanity of Riches" is related to us by John McGovern, just before he answered the call to arms. Frank Donovan makes his initial contribution to the field of poetry, as he gives us "The Tree of Sorrow."

For those with musical bents, John Glaser presents his account, "In Looking Honestly at Folk Music." The track and baseball situation is reviewed under the shrewd pen of John Kinkle in the Round Table.

The Coffee House offers a few snapshots to prove that the world is often amusing, though darkened by the clouds of war.

Sodality Plans Holy Ceremony

Day of Reparation To Feature Honor Guard At Exposition

The Resident Students' Sodality of Our Lady will conduct the annual Solemn Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Friday, March 31, the Feast of the Seven Dolors of Our Blessed Mother. A Guard of Honor, composed of Sodality members, will keep watch during the day, beginning immediately after the seven o'clock Mass. Those who have volunteered to serve in this Guard are expected to appear in the Sacristy a short time before their scheduled watch.

The Exposition will close with Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 5:25 P.M. The Very Rev. Joseph R. N. Maxwell, S.J. will be celebrant, with Rev. Joseph D. Fitzgerald, S.J., as Deacon and Rev. Leo J. Guay, S.J., as Sub-deacon.

The Committee, under the chairmanship of M. Donald Zewe, consists of Robert Thomas as vice-chairman, and Thomas F. Moriarty, David P.

FORMER EDITOR DECORATED

Lt. Paul Saint, '40, has been awarded the Purple Heart Decoration for action wounds received in the battle of Cassino. He was a former Sports Editor of the TOMAHAWK.

NAVY PERSONNEL CHANGES REPORTED

UNIT CHIEF TRANSFERRED



James S. Schiavoni, C.Q.M., U.S.N.

Welch, Ennis McQuail and John L. Fenton as assistants.

The Solemn Exposition marks a day of reparation and prayer that through the Intercession of Our Blessed Lady we may atone for the sins of the world, especially those which caused the present world conflict, and achieve a speedy victory and a just peace for the entire world.

All students are encouraged to make frequent visits to the Chapel.

Dr. Hoffman, Chief Schiavoni, Pharmacist Mates Are Transferred

The Bureau of Naval Personnel has announced the impending transfer of Dr. Robert H. Hoffman, Lt. (DC) USNR, ship's dentist at Holy Cross since last July. It is expected that Lt. Hoffman will leave on or about May 5, and will report for sea duty. Replacing Lt. Hoffman will be Joseph E. Burke, Lt. (DC) USNR, now stationed at the Naval Receiving station in Boston. Dr. Hoffman entered upon his present tour of duty on Jan. 6 1943, and prior to his coming to Holy Cross was stationed at the Naval Receiving Station in Boston. He was promoted from Lt. (j.g.) to Lt. on March 1, 1944.

At the same time, March 1, the transfer was announced of Pharmacist's Mates Van Munger and Raymond True, who were transferred to the Naval Operating Base at Norfolk. One of the vacancies caused by these transfers has been filled by Eddie Ambrose, PhM/1c USN, who reported aboard two weeks ago. Before coming to Holy Cross, Eddie was on active duty for three years in the North Atlantic aboard various types of Naval vessels, and is a competent addition to the efficient sick bay staff.

James Schiavoni, CQM, who has been stationed at Holy Cross since the advent of the ROTC, is soon to be transferred to recruiting duty. His replacement, already on the campus and learning his new duties, is L. F. Va-

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Stanley Lin, Cosmopolitan Chinese Student, Enters Holy Cross To Prepare For Future Role In Post-War China

Francis X. Donovan (VI)

The student body, this semester past, has heartily welcomed a newcomer on the campus, a young Chinese who has traveled from the other side of the world to prove Kipling wrong by bringing East and West together. Stanley Lin came to Holy Cross from his native China by way of the University of Southern California, where he studied Architectural designing. He has travelled extensively both in his native China and in the United States.

Stan was born in the city of Chung Shan in Kwang Tung province of China in the year 1920, of a family whose history has been intimately related with that of the country both under the Empire and the Republic. During his early years he was educated by tutors until he was old enough to attend Junior College, at which time he was enrolled at Tung Chi in the British Mandate of Hong Kong. Here, he spent four years studying philosophy, Chinese literature, and psychology.

Strafed by Japs

After the outbreak of the war with Japan, travel between his home and school became rather difficult, and Stan tells the story of how he was strafed by three heavy Japanese planes on one of these trips. In 1939, on a

visit home, he sailed from Hong Kong to Macao and began the seventy-five mile journey from that point to his home, traveling on a bicycle. At the time, he was carrying an important



STANLEY LIN

official message from the President of his college to his father. After riding for thirty-five miles from Macao, he was pedaling through the town of Chien Shan when three Jap bombers appeared overhead. The planes circled

low and began to strafe the road with machine gun fire. Stan said that when he awoke some time later, he found himself in a thicket at the side of the road. When he had managed to get up and dust himself off, he found that his brief case with the paper was gone, along with the Jap planes.

Just at this time, a group of Chinese soldiers came to the rescue and after he had identified himself, one of them produced his brief case and offered him a motorcycle ride from that point to his home.

Educated by Irish Jesuits

He attended Wah Yen College in Hong Kong, which is conducted by the Jesuit Fathers from Ireland. His chief purpose was to learn to speak the English language so that he might come to America to study.

Stanley's parents believe that the future of China lies in the Catholic religion since it presents a strong unwavering code of morality which will preserve the high integrity of the people in their personal, social and financial conduct. So it was under their influence that, in the year 1935, Lin Che Fun embraced the Catholic faith and was baptized Stanley by a Maryknoll Father.

Had he remained in China to study, Stan would have been able to derive

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B.J.F. Trounced By Elm Debaters

Bradley, Granfield In Loser's Seat Again In Springfield Fray

In a return debate with Our Lady of the Elms, held at Chicopee, the negative team of the B. J. F. Debating Society fell victim to the affirmative Elms team on the international police force question. The 2-1 decision was dropped by two Seniors, John F. Bradley and John K. Granfield. International law and the necessity for its enforcement were the basis of the affirmative case, while the Cross-men contended that intrinsic difficulties in an international police force would render it dangerous and valueless.

Railroads House Topic

In a house debate in Leonard Hall last Wednesday, Michael Reagan and John Maddon, affirmative, defeated Ed Naughton and Frank Donovan, negative, on the proposition that in time of war the government should assume the ownership and operation of the railroads. Mr. Reagan was

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THE CHAPLIN CASE

The Chaplin case is news. Therefore, all the details of the comedian's trial, so long as they come under the heading of news, are printed by the papers without scruple. The argument is that the public wants and is entitled to information. But there is more to the issue than this altruistic stand.

The men of the press have an infallible nose for what people will read. Oftentimes their coffers, not their convictions, are consulted; they have learned that sensationalism almost always pays off in amazing dividends. Thus, the minute a "natural" falls across the city desk, it is seized and sent fleeing across the headlines of the country. War news, world-shaking events take a holiday, while the "inside story", with the sexual angle played up to the hilt, goes screaming across the land.

The defense of this attitude is buttressed by the demand that the American press is free, that everything in life which interests can be published. But the prime reason, regardless of the external show of regard for the American minds and feelings, is to sell more newspapers. Instead of proving their thesis on liberty, editors establish the license of the printed word.

There is something amiss when we note that editors have an editorial stand in line with civic decency, and point with horror at the rising tide of juvenile delinquency. It can be asked of them whether they wish to contribute to this delinquency, or combat it; certainly, anyone will agree that splashing the spicy minutes of a Mann Act trial before teen-aged children will affect their mentality and emotions in a serious way.

We would feel far more convinced about the sincerity of modern newspapers if they would junk their petty phrases about juvenile delinquency and concentrate on their main objectives — the presentation of the things people eat up so voraciously. Protestations will do little good; so long as there are papers, men will buy them. So far, courts only legislate violators of decency on the loose in society. Nothing is ever said about the contributions to debauchery made by those who go hog-wild on the unmentionable things of life.

PALM SUNDAY

An artist once showed one of his friends a painting of Christ, lantern in hand, knocking upon a sturdy oaken door. "There is but one error," cried the friend. "I see no latch!" The artist replied, "That is the beauty of the whole painting. This door is the human heart and can be opened only from the inside."

Many centuries ago Christ first tapped at the human heart and the human heart sent "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!" ringing through all Bethphage. And the villagers ran to strew palm branches before Him. Yet before that week had entered the shadow of history, the same people had turned against Him. Although they had shouted praise, they had not opened their hearts to Christ.

Palm Sunday is here again and the weighty admonition, hoary with centuries of telling, is upon us again. On a Palm Sunday during war, our lesson is profound. A world has ostensibly worshipped Christ but inwardly its heart has rejected Him. Before the world gives entrance to Christ in peace, it must fling open its heart. The cry, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" must be echoed by the pulsations of our hearts.

CAMPUS OPINIONS

By J. H. ROSS, A.S., V-12

Question: What comments do you have on the subject of late Liberty on Sunday evening?

PAUL Q. CUDDY, R.O.T.C.
Athol, Mass.

Yes, we should definitely have late Liberty on Sunday extending until 2300. Such a plan would leave the amount of preparation necessary for Monday classes up to the individual. All of us as officer candidates should have the ability to make this decision accurately.

WALLACE P. WILLIAMS, A.S.
Cape Charles, Va.

For the boys who go home on weekend Liberty the present arrangements cuts the time at home very short. Then too, at present very little if any work is done on Sunday night before 2000, and the time could well be utilized on Liberty. I think that Wednesday Liberty could advantageously be given up in place of this late Sunday Liberty, because the few hours we have on Wednesday hardly permit us to go down town before we have to return to the Unit.

ALAN C. McINTOSH, A.S.
Needham, Mass.

I believe that weekend Liberty should be extended until 2030. This extra time would permit those to go home who otherwise would be denied this opportunity. Also, this plan would not seriously affect the study hours. I know that this extra time would enable the men who do not live so far to enjoy the warm afternoons of summer.

LAWRENCE B. CANTWELL, A.S.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

I am heartily in favor of changing the present system of Liberty hours at this college. I feel that it doesn't permit the majority of the trainees to have an adequate weekend at home if they abide by the regulations. Many times the ordinary student will be too tired to study on Sunday evening, as is often the case on Wednesday evenings. Therefore, I would say that the best plan would be to discard Wednesday Liberty, and to extend the weekend Liberty until Sunday midnight. This would permit many students to make good train connections, and for all to partake more fully of a good weekend at home.

CHARLES CAHALANE, A.S.
Brighton, Mass.

I think that an extension of weekend Liberty from the present 1730 deadline on Sunday to any time from 2000 to 2400 would be a privilege greatly appreciated by the members of the Navy Unit here at Holy Cross. It would allow students to go home who have hitherto been unable to do so because of lack of time. Looking at it from the scholastic point of view, study would not be hindered but rather aided, because that extra time would mean a welcome rest and a freshening up for the ensuing week's grind. Other Navy Units in New England have done it with success.

SYMPATHY

The Faculty and Students of the College offer their sincere condolences to Mr. James Brock of the Discipline Office on the death of his mother; and to Charles E. McDermott, V-12, IV term, and George Armknecht, ROTC, III term, on the deaths of their fathers.

The Critic's Corner

By DRYDEN McPHEARSON, '45

Of recent and notable interest to moviegoers has been the release of "The Song of Bernadette." This picture, a celluloid version of the fictionalized life of Saint Bernadette by Franz Werfel, is long (almost three hours), extremely well-played, and restrained in expression. Certainly someone is deserving of a great deal of credit for the production of a picture about a Catholic subject that need not, from sheer lack of excellence, be relegated to the use of wandering lecturers, such as has been the fate of several pictures on the Mass, the Vatican and the life of Christ.

This story, like the novel, is told in a simple and straight-forward manner, unaffected by the pseudo-pious, saccharine covering that often burdens and distorts the written account of saintly lives.

We find in Werfel's novel, and in the motion picture of the same name, that delicate and sincere realism that speaks winsomely of the Greek view — life seen with open mind, heart and soul. The Saint is a human being, and Werfel makes her delightful and refreshing. Jennifer Jones' characterization holds to the same course, and we find the picture, although lengthy and at times overburdened with unnecessary asides by atheistic doctors and

indifferent bar-keepers, entirely liveable and worthy of the effort. You'll like Bernadette, if for no other reason than that you'll probably never have seen anything like it unless you were there for the real thing at Lourdes.

We have heard from those who have seen a preview of Bing Crosby's latest picture, "Going My Way," that here too is another unusual play, with a plot and presentation that is restrained and persuasive. The story centers around the goings and comings of a certain parish curate (Bing) and the life and hard times of St. Dominic's parish, her pastor, and the Married Ladies' Sodality. The story, the little twists, the dialogue are straight from the rectory. The priests, including Frank McHugh and Barry Fitzgerald, along with Bing, are those very same gentlemen you know in your own parish, and their antics, their sincerity, and their down-to-earth goodness will warm the hearts of everyone, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

All in all, its rather promising to see Hollywood attempting plots of this type. Undoubtedly "Bernadette" and Crosby's latest will serve to combat bigotry. There's a better chance, however, that they'll be good entertainment. Which is a change.

LIBRARY NEWS

You've probably learned that while you can expect the card catalog to be the key to the books in the Library, you can't expect it to solve every problem which drives you to the Library. It won't tell you, for example, where to look for a copy of the recently revived Chekhov play, *The Cherry Orchard*, since our Library has no separate copy of the play. It won't tell you where to find the complete text of that poem of which you know only the first line. It won't tell you whether our Library has a copy of the *Plymouth Oration* by Webster, or of Agnes Repplier's essay, *The Grocer's Cat*. But don't go away discouraged, because the Reference shelves in the Library offer you solutions for each of these stumblers.

You may be looking for a copy of a play and find yourself foiled by one of two situations: our Library may not have a separate copy of the play; or your more diligent classmates may have cornered the Library's supply of copies. Firkins' *Index to Plays*, 1800-1926 (Z5781.F5), and its *Supplement* (Z5781.F5a) which brings the index up to 1935, are guides to the available editions of plays by 19th and 20th century authors. A title and subject index refers you to the author's name, and on turning to the author index you will find a list of collected works of the author which contain the play, composite collections which include the play, periodicals in which the play has been published, as well as separate editions of the play. For example, if you were to look under *Cherry Orchard* in the title index of Firkins', you would find the reference "Chekhov, A.P.". Turning to that name in the author index, you would find a reference that reads:

"Same in Dickinson, T.R. ed. Chief contemporary dramatists."

Turning to the appendix in the back of the column, you would find the list of books indexed, with our Library's call number written beside the title.

Firkins' *Index to Short Stories* (Z5917.S5.F5), with supplements which are complete to 1936, works on the same scheme.

Granger's *Index to Poetry and Recitations* (PN4321.G7) is a useful aid in locating that elusive poem of which you know only a fragment. Or perhaps you know only the author or title. In any case, Granger will fill the bill because it has author, title, and first-line indexes. At the front of the book is a list of the collections indexed, with a symbol for each. Next comes the main index, by titles of poems, giving after each the symbols of all the collections in which it is found. By turning back to the list at the front you can find the names of these collections. Following the main index are indexes by authors and first lines, which direct you to the entry in the main title index.

The *Speech Index*, by R. Sutton (AI3.S9) is a guide to collections of world famous orations and speeches for various occasions. The material is arranged in dictionary form, with entries by author, subject, and type of speech. The collections which are in our Library have been marked on the list of books indexed. If you're looking for a speech by Patrick Henry, or about education, or for a cornerstone laying, Sutton's index will help you find it.

Perhaps the most useful of the many indexes on our Reference shelves is the *Essay Index* (AI3.S4), which, with its supplements, is an author and subject guide to essays and articles published between 1900 and the present date. As an illustration of its use in locating essays, just imagine yourself trying to locate G. K. Chesterton's essay "On Lying in Bed." You don't have any idea in which of his numerous collections of essays it is located. Even a search of the more than 200 cards in the catalog under "Chesterton" won't help you, but the *Essay Index* will. In addition to listing the volume of G. K.'s essays in which one is found, it lists five other collections containing it. Besides essays, the *Essay Index* is especially useful for biography, for general literary criticism, and for special criticism of a particular book. It will be helpful when you are preparing term papers.

V12 CHANGES

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ber, CQM, USN, from West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, another thirty-year sailor.

The commissioned staff at the college has also been augmented by the addition of E. R. Tharrington, Ens. (DV-G) USNR who will teach classes in recognition to the trainees of the ROTC.

Ensign Tharrington, who hails from the state of North Carolina, was commissioned in March 1943, and afterwards studied recognition at Ohio State University. He has now been assigned to teach these courses at Holy Cross, Tufts, and Rensselaer Polytechnic. The course will last approximately eight weeks and will teach the future admirals of the ROTC the fundamentals of ship and plane recognition.

New V-12ers Hear Of Cross & Anchor

All new members of the V-12 unit attended a meeting in Kimball Hall last Friday evening to receive an introduction to the Naval publication, the CROSS AND ANCHOR. Lt. John B. Sullivan, staff adviser to the magazine, spoke to the group concerning its purpose, aims and origin. Tom Phelan, editor-in-chief, then introduced the members of the staff, and explained the urgent need for new members to replace those who have left since the last issue went to press. Several of the new trainees who have had previous writing experience signified their intentions of contributing to future editions of the publication, assuring a continuance of the fine precedent that it has set in its initial appearances.

CHINESE STUDENT HERE

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the full advantages of military training as an officer in the Army of China but, due to the fact that the school in Hong Kong was under British jurisdiction, this was impossible.

All Chinese students wear the Chung Shan uniform, designed by Dr. Sun Yat Sen. Chung Shan is another name for Dr. Sun who founded the Chinese Republic. It is a mark of distinction and those who wear it are very proud of it because in education lies the future of their nation.

Studied at U. S. C.

Late in the year 1939, he set sail from his homeland aboard an American ship and landed in San Francisco in 1940. His first home in this country was in Sacramento, California, where he lived for a short time, getting acquainted with the English language and American customs. For six months he attended the Pacific Coast University and then transferred to the University of Southern California, where he spent three terms studying Marine Engineering.

At this time, tired and ill from worrying about the safety of his family in China, he withdrew from college. With the permission of the Chinese Government, Stan obtained a position with the Navy Department as a Marine Engineering Draftsman in a shipyard in New York City to gain practical experience in this field.

Stan enrolled in Holy Cross to take the courses in chemistry and physics, subjects which will be a great help in his field of Marine Engineering. The

Most Reverend Paul Yu-Pin, Apostolic Delegate to Nanking, advised Stan to enroll at Holy Cross.

One purpose dominates his whole life here in America, to receive an education that he might be of service in carving the future of the Republic of China. His native land, even while in the grip of a most desperate struggle, is preparing for the time when the battle will be over and she must rebuild herself for a future of service to her people and to the world at large.

Praises America

Stan has a high regard for the country which has taken him in and given him the benefits of her knowledge and experience in the technical field, but he has a deeper respect for the sympathy and understanding which the people of this country have shown toward his native land in the hour of her peril. He says that no matter how far he should travel, he shall never forget America and the kindness of her people.

Here at Holy Cross this same loyalty and devotion are manifest to all who know Lin. Limited by difficulty, with our language, he has notwithstanding thrown himself wholeheartedly into several activities and has shown a spirited enthusiasm for the Cross and all its institutions.

Mr. Lin is the third student from China to attend the college. Hua Cheng Liu, A.B. graduated with the class of '34, and Kuo Cheng Shu who received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, graduated in '32.

CROSS AND SCROLL

The meeting of the Cross and Scroll scheduled for last week and postponed will be held on Friday, March 31, at 4:30 P. M., in Room 50, Carlin. Paul Sullivan, NROTC, will deliver a lecture on Daniel O'Connell, Irish patriot and scholar. All are cordially invited.

DEBATERS LOSE

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voted best speaker by show of hands, the decision also being rendered in this unorthodox fashion.

Underclassmen to Compete

Worcester State Teachers will be the opponents of B. J. F. on April 5, when a home-and-home series will be held on the international police force proposition. At three in the afternoon James Murray, Senior, and Ed Naughton, Freshman, will uphold the negative at State; at 7:15 in Leonard Hall, David Welch, Junior, and Michael Reagan, Sophomore, will present the affirmative case for Holy Cross against the girls of Worcester State.

History Academy

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After the lecture the importance of the Indies in the present conflict was discussed. Too many people, it was determined, have shunned them. The Indies, on the contrary, have everything that the Japs have not. They produce more rubber and almost as much tin as Malaya. The land is most fertile and ideal for any kind of produce.

NAVAL RESERVE NOTES

By RICHARD H. TUBBS, V-12

The long awaited news has finally arrived. Captain Davis announces that beginning April 1, reveille will be moved ahead to 0600, and, as soon as the weather permits, the trainees will again be seen on the greensward of the Carlin triangle cavorting merrily through their morning exercises under the eagle eyes of the physical training staff. To the new men at Mt. St. James we can only say that they will have missed a great part of their Naval training unless they experience the rigors of squat thrusts, "a la Plotnicki," in the dew of the morning, or have run for endless miles about the grinder without letup. When asked for a comment upon the situation, Chief Plotnicki just rubbed his hands and grinned.

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Calm your fears, fellows, the V-12 arm bands about which there has been so much rumor are definitely not going to make their appearance on the campus of Holy Cross. It is true that they are used by the battalion officers at Tufts and WPI, but we—why we have our badges.

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The commanding officer has announced that there will be no classes on Good Friday, April 7. The day will be given over to attendance at religious services, and to a mammoth athletic field day, under the direction of Lt. Dollard. Details of the event are being kept a closely guarded military secret at present, but a gala time is assured all. (Personally, we think it's just the chief's way of getting back at us for not having any PT classes on that day.)

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The Unit turned in a remarkable record in the recent Red Cross contributions drive, Co. F again coming to the fore with nearly \$50. The spirit of the trainees in making such a fine showing has been commended by the officers. In a recent letter to the units in the district, Captain Newton Nichols, director of training in this district, especially commended the Holy Cross unit for the fine showing made recently in the Navy relief fund drive. The spirit seems to characterize the type of trainee now on Mt. St. James.

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Tips and suggestions from the desk of the Captain: Trainees should refrain from the habit, noticeable especially during the spring weather, of going about with their P-Coats unbuttoned. This habit makes for a very sloppy looking sailor . . . All ex-fleet men are admonished to wear at all times on their dress uniforms all service bars and campaign ribbons to which they are entitled. These decorations are signs of merit and achievement and should be worn with an air of pride by all possessing them. . . . It is recommended that trainees form the habit of speaking and writing at all times with Naval phraseology. Now that Lt. Sullivan has issued his little booklet, there is no excuse for not using the correct term.

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By J. G. Murray, '45

SPORTS WHIRL . . . Not much in the way of sporting news has been happening on the Hill of late but we'll whirl around a bit anyway and see what turns up . . . We see where Jack Barry is still having a tough job locating a ready made catcher. It seems that back stoppers are mighty scarce, even to the point of making it necessary for the unlimbering hurlers to throw at the old wire cage. Now really, we can do better than that. Remember, this time last year, the grunts and groans and plenty of chatter that would be issuing forth from "Buster" Mills? He certainly had the pep of a million monkeys, at least where baseball was concerned. A little note from the training camp of the Philadelphia A's says that plenty of eyes should be upon the latest Crusader to join pro ranks. We hope that Buster can loosen up a little faster than was his practice here on Fitton, because a fast start in one's first year out with the Majors means a much better chance of sticking without the usual disheartening apprenticeship racket.

ALL OUT FOR TRACK . . . Bart Sullivan issued the green signal to the outdoor tracksters this week. From the looks of the material on hand the story will be about the same as it was this season indoors. It seems that the squad as a whole isn't going to run up any huge team totals, but once again there are those few bright lights that would grace any roster and bring joy to any coach's heart, rugged as it may be. We are all anxiously awaiting at least one record to topple, as happened last year, when Javelin Packin' Dave Murray starts heaving. Then there is Dixon Hemphill, a newcomer with plenty in his feet, even though the board tracks were not so kind this year. No meets have been scheduled as yet but we suspect they will be soon forthcoming.

REC ROOM RIOTS . . . Dropping into the ex-Rec. room the other day we happened to see the near riot they call Intramural basketball. If anything took on the Hill this winter, it certainly was that. Only very capable officiating to cut down the mayhem and the limiting of time to cut down the "race riots" have been able to turn the enthusiasm into good channels. We hope that the same interest will be shown in the baseball intramurals, or softball, as you prefer. And speaking of preference, the Office's longstanding offer of sponsoring a bowling tournament for the non-players is still good if anyone cares to take them up on it.

SPRING PRACTICE? . . . We've noticed that several of the new recruits for football have been chaffing at the well-chewed bit lately, anticipating spring practice. Well, if no news is good news, then those kids are sitting pretty at the moment. Although rumors are nasty things, don't be surprised if Ank Scanlan drops in one of these days. Then the fur will fly, or something.

TRACKMEN HOLD INITIAL PRACTICE SESSION FOR A BRIGHT SPRING CINDER SEASON

Monday, March 27 — The Holy Cross College Outdoor track season opened today when Bart Sullivan issued his call for candidates. Approximately twenty men reported to the track room in lower Carlin Hall. This number is surprisingly small as compared to the number that reported at the beginning of past seasons.

Heading the list of the new edition of the Purple cindermen is Dave Murray, sophomore from Gardner, Mass., and New England Inter-Collegiate Javelin Champion. Dave will be the captain of this year's team. Also reporting were the remnants of last year's regulars. Among these were Frank Ferrick, half mile and mile; George Cashman, mile; and Johnny Grzebien, mile and two mile. These men are all that is left of the outdoor team of 1943.

The rest of the cinder enthusiasts comprise the Navy's gift of track ma-

terial to Holy Cross. All the Navy trainees who participated in the indoor season have also reported for the outdoor team. Norm Allen, former Conn. State runner is out for the dashes. Don Bullard and Ray Armstrong, crack relay runners were unable to report because of a late class. Dick Hemphill is back again for the polevault. With the good weather coming along, maybe we'll be able to get that pit dug up. It hasn't been used since 1937.

Judging from the number who reported, things don't look too bright for the coming season. You can't build a track team on twenty men. Looking over the P. T. files, we notice that approximately one third of this unit have had track experience in high school and other colleges. Let's see some more of you down at the cage tomorrow afternoon between 1430 and 1630.

INTRAMURALITES

By BOB TALTY
and CHUCK ORLOWSKI

Once again the basketball courts on Pakachoag were filled with excitement and suspense. The games were high-scoring and fast with the exception of a very few evenly matched tilts.

The first game of the week saw Wheeler III swamped by the charges of Co. D with a one sided score of 46-22. The winners were sparked by McDurrney, who tallied 18 points.

Company F Winner

The second of the three games played on March 21 ended a 31-19 affair in favor of Co. F. On the smaller end of this score was Wheeler II, hard luck team of the season. They play hard but don't seem to click. This time they were led by Horgan who added ten points to a lost cause.

By the time this last game rolled around, both the referees and the scorers were weary of witnessing "just another ball game." However, a close battle between Companies B and C

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 28
Wheeler II vs. Al IIIA
Co. D vs. Al I

MARCH 29
Wheeler I vs. Al IIIB
Co. B vs. Co. F

MARCH 30
Co. H vs. Al I
Co. E vs. Al IIIB

MARCH 31
Al II vs. Co. C

APRIL 1
Co. I vs. Al IIIB
Co. G vs. Wheeler II

came forth, with B winning out 32 to 27 by virtue of Wasson's twelve big markers.

Alumni I found themselves again on the short end of a 48-25 score, after the scrappers of Co. I came back to a fast last half, led by Colonel who garnered high scoring honors with 17 points, tops of the week. Nice going.

The Juveniles of Alumni IIIB came through after a very close first half to walk away with a 30-20 job over Co. H. This last stanza showed some very classy ball handling on the part of Wallace and Holliday, the spark-plugs of their aggregation. Callahan played well for the losers and netted ten.

The initial clash on Friday brought together the evenly matched quintets of Wheeler I and Co. H, with the RO's winning out 28-24. They were led by Thorpe (who incidentally is the nephew of the late Tom Thorpe, famous in football as a referee and in racing as a steward at Narragansett). The losers were helped out by the total of 12 for Murphy.

Cardamone Flashes

The second tilt of the day was a nip and tuck affair between Alumni II and Co. B. This game ended in a 36-34 win, and what an upset for Alumni. Cardamone, again flashing for the Civics, racked up a cool 25 to begin a new week with a big mark to shoot at.

Monday, the rains came and so did Wheeler III to the regret of the Co. I cagers. The RO's came through with a 38-11 scrap drive, with Golden's twelve as tops.

Touhey Stars for F

Tuesday's only game found Touhey, the pivot man, lead Co. F to a 34-14 smashing of G. Say, can anyone explain the reason for the high scores this season, and particularly this week? That's purely a rhetorical question.

Coach Barry Awaits Outdoor Drills; Issues Call For Catching Talent

By JOHN DONOHUE

Whether it be snow in spring or fish on Tuesday everything is blamed on the war. So it won't be out of line to throw the blame of any Crusader baseball disappointments on the same source. Candidates have come and candidates have gone but a crew of aspiring battery men continue to go through the routine drills in the cage.

One can be sure Coach Jack Barry is tossing in his sleep these nights wondering what's to become of baseball on the Hill. However, indoor drills in such close quarters don't reveal much so Coach Barry and the rest of the Athletic staff are sitting around patiently awaiting clear weather and new hope.

During the past week a new addition to the catching staff came in the form of Al Petrella, one of the "iron men" football guards, who appears as capable behind the plate as on the gridiron. The throwing end also received a boost when Jack Clark, up from LaSalle Academy, New Jersey, and Gene Baccaglini, who prepped at St. Anne's Academy, N. Y., reported for practice.

The good news was somewhat offset with the departure of Benny Zecker who left for Boston to start work with the Red Sox. Zecker was one of the mainstays of the Dartmouth pitching staff last season but received a medical discharge from the Marines. He had been working out with the Crusaders for nearly a week and was planning to enter school here. However, his plans took a sudden change and he departed for the Tufts cage and is now working out with the Sox.

Outlook Bright

Nick Opolko, freshman from Chelsea High, is sidelined with a sprained ankle but ought to be back in a few days. Despite the outlook, a Crusader team is unpredictable till seen in action and then it always seems to make out favorably. It is the spirit, not the material, that makes Holy Cross teams, and with pint-sized hurlers like Bill Jones and Bill Harrison giving their all, we still have high hopes of doing well in the dozen or so scheduled games. But don't take anything for granted; the catching staff is anxiously awaiting additions.

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